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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (canceled) A composition for promoting weight loss in a mammal comprising effective amounts of L-carnitine, chromium, Vitamin A, and a source of carbohydrates selected from a low glycemic index grain.
  2. (canceled) A composition for promoting weight loss in a mammal comprising effective amounts of L-carnitine, chromium, Vitamin A, and a source of carbohydrates selected from a low glycemic index grain.
  3. (canceled) The composition of claim 1 comprising from about 15 to 195 ppm L-carnitine, from about 10 to about 500 micrograms of chromium, and from about 200 to about 600 IU of vitamin A per kilogram of diet.
  4. (canceled) The composition of claim 1 comprising from about 20 to 150 ppm L-carnitine.
  5. (canceled) The composition of claim 1 comprising from about 50 to 100 ppm L-carnitine.
  6. (canceled) The composition of claim 1 comprising from about 50,000 IU to about 500,000 IU of Vitamin A per kilogram of diet.
  7. (canceled) The composition of claim 1 comprising from about 50,000 IU to about 150,000 IU of Vitamin A per kilogram of diet.
  8. (canceled) The composition of claim 1 wherein said source of carbohydrates comprises a grain selected from the group consisting of sorghum, barley, corn, and blends thereof.
  9. (canceled) The composition of claim 1 further including from about 18 to 40 wt% crude protein, from about 4 to 30 wt% fat, and from about 2 to 20 wt% total dietary fiber.

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10. (canceled) A process for promoting weight loss in a mammal comprising the step of feeding said mammal a composition containing effective amounts of a combination of at least three nutrients selected from the group consisting of L-carnitine, chromium, Vitamin A, and a source of carbohydrates selected from a low glycemic grain.

11. (canceled) The process of claim 10 in which said composition is fed to said mammal in an amount of from about 1.0 to 10.0 mg of L-carnitine per kilogram of body weight per day, from about 5.0 to about 15.0 micrograms of chromium per kilogram of body weight per day, from about 200 to 600 IU of vitamin A per kilogram of body weight per day, and from about 1.0 to 3.0 grams of starch per kilogram of body weight per day.

12. (canceled) The process of claim 11 wherein said L-carnitine is fed to said mammal in an amount of from about 2.5 to about 5.0 mg per kilogram of body weight per day.

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13. (canceled) The process of claim 10 wherein said source of carbohydrates is selected from the group consisting of sorghum, barley, corn, and blends thereof.

14. (canceled) A composition for promoting weight loss in a mammal comprising L-carnitine, chromium, Vitamin A, and a source of carbohydrates selected from a low glycemic index grain, wherein said composition includes from about 200 to about 600 IU of Vitamin A per kilogram of body weight.

15. (currently amended) A composition comprising an effective weight reducing amount of L-carnitine, chromium, Vitamin A, and at least one source of carbohydrates selected from the group consisting of sorghum, barley, and mixtures thereof, which composition is formulated as a solid pet food.

16. (previously presented) The composition of claim 15 which comprises sorghum.

17. (previously presented) The composition of claim 15 which comprises barley.

18. (previously presented) The composition of claim 15 which comprises sorghum and barley.

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19. (previously presented) The composition of claim 15 which comprises from about 15 to 195 ppm L-carnitine, from about 10 to about 500 micrograms of chromium, and from about 50,000 IU to about 1,000,000 IU of Vitamin A per kilogram.

20. (previously presented) The composition of claim 15 which comprises from about 20 to 150 ppm L-carnitine per kilogram.

21. (previously presented) The composition of claim 15 which comprises from about 50 to 100 ppm L-carnitine per kilogram.

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23. (previously presented) The composition of claim 15 which comprises from about 50,000 IU to about 150,000 IU of Vitamin A per kilogram.

24. (previously presented) The composition of claim 15 further comprising from about 18 to about 40 weight percent crude protein, from about 4 to about 30 weight percent fat, and from about 2 to about 20 weight percent total dietary fiber.

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